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GOES CRAZY!



AT THE GREAT EVOLUTION INSTITUTE, A MOMENTOUS DECISION TOOK PLACE AMONG THE GATHERED EXPERTS!

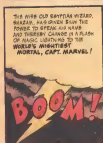
"DEAR FRIENDS! AFTER YEARS OF LABOR, WE HAVE COMPLETED HERE THE COMPLETE ACCELS OF SUB-GENE FROM THE EARLIEST AGE-UP TO THE PRESENT DAY!"



"YES, PROFESSOR, GOOD! BUT WHO WILL BE OUR MODEL FOR THE FINAL STAGE OF EVOLUTION - MODERN MAN?"

"AN 'IDEE! THAT IS THE QUESTION! WHO TODAY REPRESENTS THE ACME OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT? WHAT MAN SHALL WE PICK?"





CAPTAIN MARVEL



CAPTAIN MARVEL





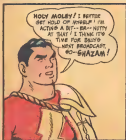
CAPT MARVEL IS SO UPSET TO NOTICE THAT THE NEW MAN IS MORE OTHER THAN HIS OLD BROTHER, WICKED DR. STRANA, M. DISGRACE!



HOW HOW? WHEN I HEARD OF THESE SCIENTISTS CONDUCTING THESE TESTS I GOT A BRIGHT IDEA! A BRILLIANT NEW WAY TO BRUSH ABOUT CAPT MARVEL'S DOWNFALL! HOW, HOW, HOW, HOW?







CAPTAIN MARVEL



"THERE'S ALL RIGHT, CAPT. MARVEL! YOU CAN ROCK ME ALL YOU WANT—NOW! BUT SOON YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO ROCK ME ANY MORE! HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!"



"NEEDS THE PLACE I WANT! NOW TO PROVE TO THESE GENTLEMEN THAT CAPT. MARVEL IS (HEARS—) DONEY—CRACKED! CRAZY AS A BIRD!"

OH, HOW I HOPE HE'LL SUCCEED!



"THE GENTLEMEN! I MADE A CARD-FIL TEST OF CAPTAIN MARVEL'S REFLEXES, AND HE FAILED TO REACT! THAT MEANS ONE SO-CALLED GREAT CAPT. MARVEL IS A LUNATIC! NEEDS THE RECORD!"

"WHAT? YOU CHARGE CAPT. MARVEL WITH DAMAGED MIND?"



"HAH! THERE IS NOT SUFFICIENT PROOF, GUY! IF YOU CAN GET FURTHER PROOF..."

"ALL RIGHT, I WILL! I'LL PROVE ANYONE A DUNST THAT THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL IS THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST CRACKPOT!"

WHAT WILL BE WHELAN'S NEXT MOVE? COULD BEYER PARK, AND FINALLY BILLY BATSON GETS A PHONE CALL FROM THE INSTITUTE!



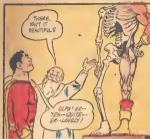
"BILLY BATSON? WE HAVE PARTS OF COMPLETED CAPT. MARVEL'S MODEL. IF HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT, SEND HIM OVER!"

"THANKS, PROPPACK. GOOD. I'LL BE THERE--"

SHAZAM!



"THEY NEARLY BROKE ME CRAZY WITH THOSE ALLEGEMENTS, BUT I'VE COOLED OFF NOW AND I'D LIKE TO SEE TWO MORE! I'LL FLY TO THE EVOLUTION INSTITUTE!"



ON AND ON THE TRICK QUESTION GO, TILL FINALLY....



STILL UNAWARE THAT HIS ATTACHMENT IS GINAMA, CAPT MARVEL PURSUES HIM OUT INTO THE MUSEUM.



KNOWING CAPT MARVEL, GINAMA ESCAPES FROM THE MUSEUM, AND HURRIES WITH HIS CART TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH - (NEXT)!





SHAZAM! JUSTICE! BUT HAS WORKED!

THESE GUYS CAPT MARVEL-- TO THE BIG BOSS! HE'LL NEVER GET OUT OF THERE AGAIN! I'VE GOT HIM OUT OF AN X-RAI, AT LAST, THE BIG RED CHIEF! OH, JOE, HOW HE'S, HOW HE'S, HOW HE'S!



WELL, WELCOME, CAPT MARVEL. IT TAKED TO THE AIRLINE!

THAT IS A PLEAS-UP! BUT I CAN'T JUST BREAK AWAY! I'M LEGALLY COMMITTED TO THIS PLACE BY LAW!



WELCOME TO OUR LITTLE HOME!



OH--HELLO! WHO ARE YOU?

HERE WE ARE! WELCOME TO OUR HOME!



TH, CAPT MARVEL! WHO ARE YOU?

HUH?

OH, DON'T FEAR HIM! MOST OF MY PATIENTS USED TO THINK THEY WERE MARVELOUS! NOWADAYS IT'S CAPT MARVEL! BY THE WAY, WHAT DID YOU SAY YOUR NAME WAS?



HE'S IN CAPT. MARVEL!

OH, YOU! OF COURSE! NATURALLY! DEAR MR. ANOTHER ONE!



HERE WE ARE! ONE OF OUR NIGHT ROOMS!

I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF THIS PLACE, AND NOW I KNOW HOW--WITHOUT BREAKING THE LAW! I'LL JUST SAY...

SHAZAM!



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IF I CAN JUST WALK OUT THE DOOR BEFORE I'M NOTICED!



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THE GLOB ON  
FIRST?

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YA GOT THAT  
FAR, BUD



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FIRST BASE DURING PASSEAU'S  
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LOOKS  
LIKE CLAUDE'S  
PITCHING  
TODAY

WHEN THE BONG IS  
GOING TO BE TOUGH,  
BE PREPARED WITH  
WHEATIES. SAYS  
CHAMPION CLAUDE  
PASSEAU. "I FIGURE  
WHEATIES ARE A  
GREAT ALL-AROUND  
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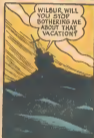
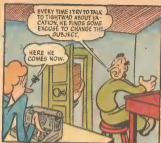
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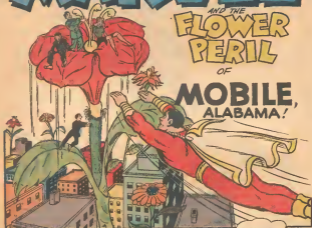


# CAPTAIN MARVEL

AND THE  
**FLOWER PERIL**

OF

**MOBILE, ALABAMA!**



WAS YOUR CITY BURNED BY  
BATCH TO MOBILE, ALABAMA,  
WELL AS IS MET BY TWO TWO-  
DOLLAR DISTRIBUTION OF BARRONS

WELCOME TO MO-  
BILE BLYE TO MAKE  
WANTS TO GET YOU HOME  
WANT AND YOUR THE COM-  
TIONS FOR INTERESTING.

THANKS MR.  
TRUCKER YOU  
... THE  
WAY!

YOU'RE JUST IN  
TIME FOR OUR FABRUS  
FLOWER SHOW AT BOLL-  
WEAR CHAMBER, TRUCKER  
MOBILE IS YOUR  
FOR THAT.

*Flower Show*  
AT  
*Bollweaver Gardens*  
THE CRANES SPACE  
OF THE  
DEEP SOUTH

BEAT EVERYONE  
FOR THE  
LARGEST FLOWERS!

EVERYONE IS  
AGREED TO WIN THE  
BLUE BIRD TRUCKER,  
FOR THE FINEST FLOWERS, JUST  
A WHILE FROM TRUCKER  
JUST ONE FLOWER AT THE  
AGE THAT IT WILL WIN  
THE BIRD!





BILLY AND HIS MOTHER ARRIVE AT THE MAYOR'S OFFICE.

BILLY: THIS IS 'MAYOR CHARLES A. BACHMAUER.'

HELLO, BILLY! YOU'RE JUST IN TIME TO SEE A VERY INTERESTING THING!



MEET JOSHUA JORDAN, EXPERT HORTICULTURIST. HE HAS JUST DISCOVERED A PLANT FOOD THAT HE CALLS MARVEL PLANT FOOD!

BY A MARVEL PLANT FOOD!



YES, BILLY! IN HONOR OF CAPT. MARVEL, MY PLANT FOOD MAKES FLOWERS GROW UP BIG AND STRONG! LOOK AT THE SECOND FLOWER. ONE PUNCH OF MY MARVEL PLANT FOOD DO THAT... JUST ONE PUNCH!

GOLDF!



THIS PLANT FOOD WILL BEAUTIFY THE CITY! I'VE ASKED THE MAYOR FOR PERMISSION TO SPRINKLE IT ON ALL THE CITY'S PUBLIC PLACES. BEST! WHY? CHRISTMAS TREES WILL BE BORNED IN GREAT AND BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS!



THE CITY FATHERS AND I ARE AGREED; YOU CAN START ANY TIME YOU WANT, JOSHUA!

I'LL START RIGHT NOW! TOMORROW MORNING, HOBBY WILL BE FULL OF BIG FLOWERS! GIANT FLOWERS!



EE. DO YOU THINK THIS PLANT FOOD WILL DO SUCH WONDERS?

PROBABLY NOT! BUT IT WON'T DO ANY HARM. IF HE MAKES THE FLOWERS GROW A FEW INCHES, IT'LL BE WORTH IT. HE'S GIVING IT ALL FREE, ANYWAY!



THE HOUR IS LATE, AND THEY DECIDED TO GO TO THE BATTLE HOUSE HOTEL.

I'VE RESERVED A ROOM FOR YOU AND BILLY. GOOD NIGHT!

SEE YOU TOMORROW, MR. TARDYDOR!



WY, TERRY'S JOHAN  
DREAMING DOWN THERE  
AND STILL WAKING,  
THIS LATE,  
SPREADING HIS  
PLANT FOOD!



I'VE BEEN ALL AROUND THE  
CITY, SPREADING MY MARVEL  
PLANT FOOD. OVERNIGHT, THE  
FLOWERS WILL GROW AND GROW  
AND GROW... WHO KNOWS  
HOW HIGH? THAT STUFF  
IS GOOD! YES  
SEE!



HE'S NOT VERY HESITANT  
ABOUT HIS PLANT FOOD HE  
TALKS AS IF THE FLOWERS  
WILL GROW AS FAST AS  
BIG TERRY'S! BUT I'D  
SETTLE FOR GOOD  
SLEEP... YAWN...



THE NIGHT PHASES, AND BILLY WAS A QUOTE HAZARDING!

WOOF  
WOOF!  
WHAT'S GOING  
ON HERE?

**CRASH!**



**CRUNCH!**

WOOF WOOF!  
IF I HADN'T JUMPED  
OUT OF BED TO HAVE  
BEEN CRASHED AGAINST  
THE CEILING!...  
**SHAZAM!**



WITH A CLAP OF THUNDER MAGIC LIGHTING CHANGES BILLY TO  
AN MORE FANCY FORM OF CAPT. MARVEL!

**BOOM**



WOW! A GIANT  
FLOWER GROWING SO  
FAST IT'S CRASHING  
THROUGH EVERYTHING!  
LET'S SEE WHAT  
GODS ARE  
OUTSIDE!



GOOD HEAVY!  
FLOWERS GROWING  
BIGGER THAN  
TREES!



JOSHUA  
GODDARD'S PLANT-  
FOOD DID IT. HE DIDN'T  
KNOW HOW  
POWERFUL  
IT WAS!



THESE DON'T FLOWERS  
GIVE A MESSAGE. I'LL YANK  
THEM OFF BY THE ROOTS...  
GODDARD'S IS BETTER  
SEE IF THE MARVEL  
PLANT FOOD IS CAUSING  
TROUBLE  
ELSEWHERE...



HELP!

MEANWHILE, THE SAME THING IS HAPPENING ALL  
THROUGH THE CITY! AT THE CORNER OF  
DAUPHIN AND ROYAL STREETS, MIDDLE'S  
BUSIEST CORNER....

GOD! WHAT!  
THE STEMS  
ARE TOUGHER  
THAN AN OAK-  
TREE!



HELP!  
GET ME DOWN!  
THE FLOWER IS  
GROWING AROUND ME!

OHAY, LADY  
RELAX!



HERE, LET  
ME HAND  
AN AXE!

THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORAL QUICKLY CUTS THROUGH THE SOFT OF HUSBAND THICK STEMS!



TIMBER!

WHOOOSH!

THANKS, CAPT. MARVEL! BUT WHAT CAUSED THAT?



JOSHUA BROWNE DID THIS, WITH HIS PLANT-FOOD. TELL ME, WHERE DOES HE LIVE?

WHEE! MY MARVEL PLANT FOOD IS QUIN BETTER THAN I THOUGHT! I'M GOING TO WIN THE BLUE DISC AT THE FLOWER SHOW TODAY, WITH THIS GIANT FLOWER!

WHOOPIE!

CAPT. MARVEL FLIES TO GREENWICH HOME.

WE GOT TO GO AT THIS SYSTEMATICALLY. I'LL HAVE TO FIND OUT JUST WHERE BROWNE SPREAD HIS PLANT FOOD! HOPE HE'S HOME!



WAIT, BROWNE! BEFORE YOU GO! DON'T FORGET TO BUY THAT CITY!



DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR GIANT FLOWERS HAVE DONE, ALL OVER THE CITY? THEY'RE TOO BIG! THEY'RE INTERFERING WITH!

OH, DEAR ME!



RIP!

BOB! I DON'T WANT ANY MORE! I LOVE FLOWERS! I LOVE TO MAKE THEM GROW AND SPREAD BEAUTY! I DON'T WANT TO BE A CITY WRECKER! OH, S-O-O-O-OH!



BARRY, FELLA! JUST GIVE ME A LIST OF THE PLACES WHERE YOU SPREAD YOUR PLANT-FOOD YESTERDAY!

HERE'S THE LIST! THE FIRST PLACE I WENT TO WAS THE ALABAMA DRY DOCK!



GOOD! NOW YOU GIVE ME DIRECTIONS HOW TO GET THERE!



AT THE ALABAMA DRY DOCK...

OH! OH! THE  
GIANT FLOWERS  
ARE ABOUT TO TIP  
OVER THAT SHIP!  
SEND HULL!

THE PARTS I  
WENT THERE TO  
SABOTAGE DOWN  
THE BETTER!

POOR! A LOT OF  
FRANTIC PHONE CALLS  
HAVE COME IN, SAYING GIANT  
FLOWERS ARE GROWING AS  
HIGH AS TREES AND  
SUCKING! THAT'S A LOT  
OF HONKING!

NOW WHERE,  
JOHANN?

STATION WHOM?  
I SPREAD MY  
PLANT-FOOD THERE  
TOO!

WHAT...?  
IT'S  
TRUE!

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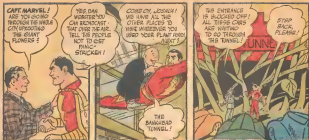
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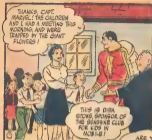
THESE TREES ARE  
THE LAST OF THE GIANT  
FLOWERS MENACING  
WMOB! YOU'RE SAVING  
ME FROM A BLACK DEER,  
CAPTAIN MARVEL!

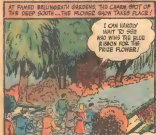
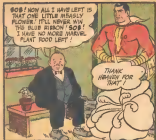
HOORAY!  
THERE WAS A  
MAN ON TOP OF  
THAT ONE,  
WATCH OUT!

EE...  
THANKS FOR  
SERRING MY  
BALL! I WAS  
HANGING ON  
TOP OF ONE  
FLOWER!

YOU'RE  
ALL RIGHT,  
NOW!







# MARY MARVEL

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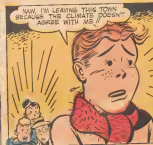
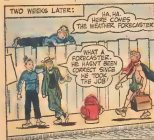
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# A KILLER GUARDS THE WATER



**T**HE FIRST TIME Max Webb drew rein in Gold City he slipped from the saddle and buried his face in the horse trough in front of Clay Pierce's saloon. He was so parched with thirst from the long, hot ride across the desert that he couldn't wait to pump fresh water.

"That will be one dollar, please," the whiskered gent behind the shotgun informed him.

Max stood with the water dripping from his chin and watched the gun barrel raise and center on his belt buckle. The eyes above the black whiskers were hard. The dirt crusted hands held the gun steady. It was no joke being played on a newcomer, Max decided.

"A dollar for what, and who are you?" Max asked.

The whiskers parted in a nasty grin, showing a row of yellow snags that once had been teeth. "For the water, friend. And I'm Clay Pierce. Now fork over the dollar."

Max hesitated a moment. "Suppose I don't?" he said.

The hammer cocked back with a metallic click for an answer.

Slowly Max reached into his pocket and drew out a silver cart wheel. Just as slowly he tossed it at the feet of the

saloon owner. Without a word he turned and walked away. Trouble was the one thing he didn't want. He had come to Gold City to go into business—any kind of honest business. He was tired of range wars, saloon gun fights, and squabbles over mining claims.

"Maybe," he mused aloud, "I stopped at the wrong place." But inquiries of people on the street convinced him that he had not made a mistake. There was only one place in the town where a man could get a drink of water. One well supplied five hundred gold-mad prospectors—and Clay Pierce owned that well. It was a case of no pay, no drink, and men had to drink in order to live.

"Why don't you fellows dig more wells?" Max asked one prospector. The man waved his hands in a helpless gesture. "We've tried it," he said, "but the diggers all died of lead poisoning before they struck water."

"Clay Pierce?" Max guessed.

Again the man waved his hands. "Who knows? We ain't got time to find out. And anyway it's cheaper to pay a dollar a drink than to dig for water. Gold is on top of the ground. The water's down sixty feet."

**T**HE NEXT TIME Max drew rein in Gold City, he led twenty husky pack burros in single file. Each burro had two kegs strapped on its back.

Max pulled up in front of Pierce's saloon but made no move to dismount.

Pierce's curiosity got the best of him. "Could that be whiskey in them kegs?" he asked.

Max relaxed in the saddle. "Could be," he agreed. "And it could be plain water. It also could be that I'm going into the water business, hauling it from the mountains and selling it at five gallons for a dollar."

An expression of hate crossed Pierce's face as his hands fumbled at the shotgun across his knees. Before he could bring it up, he was looking at the business end of Webb's .45. "There ain't room for two in the water business," Pierce spluttered.

"I agree," Max grinned. "That's why I'm running you out and taking over. Every man in this town needs a bath and I'm going to give 'em enough water to do it with."

"You're headin' for trouble," Pierce snapped.

"I don't scare easy," Max stated flatly. He touched a spur to his horse and moved slowly away, turning in the



saddle to keep Pierce under his gun until he was out of range of the shotgun.

At the edge of town, under a protecting cliff, Max set up camp. For two weeks the water business flourished. The pump and trough in front of Pierce's saloon was deserted. Max was making two round trips a day to a lake high in the mountains, hauling eighty kegs of water a day. No longer did men go without shaving. No longer did they scour greasy pans in sand and wipe them with grass. Every man in Gold City had two gallons of water a day.

On the evening of the thirtieth day, Pierce stroffed into Webb's camp. "Howdy," he called out. "Let's you and me bury the hatchet." A grin spread across his face as he continued. "I'd like to buy a half interest in your business."

"Your mouth says nice things but your eyes say you're a bar," Max told him. "Get out and don't come back."

The next morning as the burros picked their way along a faint trail, a rifle spoke twice and two burros toppled over the brink of the canyon. Max jacked a shell into the chamber of his rifle as he sought shelter behind a boulder. For fifteen minutes he lay there watching across the canyon. The marksmen did not appear and no more shots were fired.

The next day, at the same place, four shots echoed down the canyon and four burros lay dead on the trail. This time Max got a snap shot at the hidden rifleman but missed. That night the water ration was cut from two gal-

lons for each man to one gallon. The miners grumbled and started scrubbing frying pans in sand.

**A**LL THROUGH the night Max picked his way along the boulder strewn valley, visiting every shack and every tent. He stopped at each place only long enough for a few minutes' whispered conversation. Dawn was breaking when he roused the last sleeping miner and whispered his message.

The sun was barely an hour high when Max walked into Pierce's saloon and faced the owner. "I've changed my mind," he said. "I'll talk business if you want to buy my burros and legs."

There was a triumphant look on Pierce's face. "Now you're talking sense," he said. "I'll give you thirty dollars apiece for the burros. You can throw in the legs free."

"The price," Max corrected him, "is five hundred dollars for each burro with the legs thrown in free."

His hand dropped to his gun as he added, "Cash on the counter—and if you don't like the deal, say so. I've lined up twenty men to patrol the canyon. There will be no more burros shooting without the shooter getting shot in return."

Pierce counted out seven thousand in gold and shoved it across the bar. "In the future," he snarled, "water at my pump will cost you five dollars a swallow."

Max picked up the gold and backed out the door.

All morning miners were leaving the gulch. Some carried shovels, some were loaded down with camp supplies, and others carried hammers and saws. Pierce stood at his pump with a pained expression. At noon he was alone in the gulch.

For four days the sound of

explosions echoed from the hills as five hundred miners toiled at moving rocks, digging a wide, deep ditch, and cutting rough lumber for flumes. On the fifth day a stream of water three feet wide and two feet deep poured over the rim of the ravine. Ice-cold water from a lake four miles away and a thousand feet higher than the rim of the ravine.

In an hour the water was level with the first step in front of Pierce's saloon. In three hours it was ankle deep inside the building. The worried saloon owner worked frantically carrying his stock to higher ground. As he made the last trip the water was hip-deep and a poker table floated out the door.

A grizzled old miner sat down near the rescued stock of whiskey and soaked his tired feet in the cold water. "Hey, Pierce," he called, "your whiskey is on my claim. Better move it because the rent is pretty high. I'm adding a thousand dollars a day."

**F**IVE HUNDRED tired miners ceased with laughter as the beaten saloon owner loaded his whiskey on the fourteen burros and drove them out of the gulch. Gold City was without a saloon now but it had free running water.

Cheers broke out as Max Webb limped into camp. His clothing was torn and he was weary from five days of grueling labor on the ditch. The miners gathered around him, yelling and slapping his back.

The grizzled old fellow who had ordered Pierce off his claim put on his boots and walked up to Max. "We've elected you to the job of water commissioner," he grinned. "Every miner in camp has agreed to pay you a dollar a month to watch the ditch and keep it clean. Think you can do it on five hundred a month?"

Max smiled as he shook the old miner's hand. "It's a profitable business at least," he sighed.

The End

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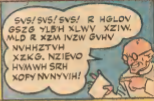
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# CAPTAIN MARVEL

## GETS THE GOLDEN FLEECE!

FOUR! BE CAREFUL AS YOU READ THE WORDS! SOME WORDS ARE KNOWN WHAT THEY MEAN! EVEN CAPTAIN MARVEL, THE WORLD'S BRIGHTEST BOY, ONCE MADE A VERY SIMPLE MISTAKE OVER TWO LITTLE WORDS! AND THEREBY WANGS A TAIL ...



MANY ARE THE STRANGE CITY THAT FLOURISH ON THIS EARTH, AND PERHAPS ONE OF THE STRANGEST IS THE CITY OF THE GOLDEN DOG, IN FAR-OFF GREECE!



AND LIKE ALL CIVILIZED HEAD-MEN HAS DELIRIOUS!





BOW WOW!  
WOW WOW WOW!  
WOW!

YOU WISH  
TO HAVE GOLDEN  
FLEAS, MASTER?  
I HEAR AND  
OBEY!



OUR MASTER WANTS GOLDEN  
FLEAS! AFTER ALL, A GOLDEN  
DOG SHOULD HAVE ORDINARY  
BLACK FLEAS! HE SHOULD  
HAVE GOLDEN FLEAS!  
WE MUST GET THEM!

BUT WHERE  
IN THE WORLD WILL  
WE FIND GOLDEN  
FLEAS?



LISTEN! I HAVE A TRIP TO  
AMERICA LAST YEAR! I HEARD  
OF GOLDEN FLEAS THERE, IN  
AN AMUSING PLACE CALLED  
THE MUSEUM OF  
ODDITIES!



THEN WE MUST GET THOSE GOLDEN  
FLEAS! TWO OF YOU GO TO  
AMERICA AND BRING THEM  
BACK... WITHOUT FAIL!  
IT IS THE COMMAND  
OF OUR MASTER,  
THE GOLDEN FLEA!

WE  
HEAR AND  
OBEY!



LATER, IN AMERICA, WE FIND BILLY  
BATSON, STAR BOY NOW CHANGED  
TO GORDON WHITE, ENTERING THE  
MUSEUM OF ODDITIES!

I'M GOING TO TAKE  
IN THE MUSEUM OF  
ODDITIES! THEY  
SHOULD BE FULL OF  
INTERESTING  
ODDITIES!



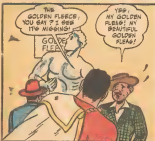
ODDLY! HE'S  
ALL TWISTED UP  
LIKE A PARCELS!



MEANWHILE, AT THE FLEA CIRCUS,  
THE TWO GUYS HAVE ARRIVED!

HAVE YOU ARRIVED, FOLKS! WATCH THE  
TINY FLEAS PERFORM! THERE ARE THE  
ONLY GOLDEN FLEAS IN EXISTENCE!  
THEY ARE A SPECIAL CROSS-  
BREED!

AM I THE  
GOLDEN FLEA  
THAT WE WANT!





I WANT BRING BACK THAT GOLDEN FLEECE! WHICH WAY DID THOSE TWO CROOKS RUN?

THAT WAY! THEY'RE HEADING FOR THE AIRPORT!



THERE THEY ARE!

NOT OUR PLANE! WE HADN'T STARTEN AWAY WITH THE GOLDEN FLEECE!



WAVE YOU! YOU HADN'T GET AWAY WITH THE GOLDEN FLEECE!

BUT THE PLANE FLIES UP INTO THICK CLOUDS AND --



BOOMING! COMPLETE ZERO FOR ME! I DON'T KNOW WHICH WAY THEY WENT! BUT MARRS THEY HAVE A RECORD OF WHERE THEY CLIM FROM AT THE AIRPORT OFFICE!

THAT PLANE THAT JUST TOOK OFF: WHERE DID IT COME FROM?

LET'S SEE -- OUR RECORDS SHOW IT WAS REGISTERED AS A PLANE FROM GREECE! FROM THE TOWN OF NATHRO!



HOLY MOON! GREECE! THIS IS TRYING TO BE A CHASE AROUND THE WORLD! BUT THE GOLDEN FLEECE MUST BE WORTH A LOT OF MONEY! IT COULDN'T LIKE ITS SWAN OUT OF GOLD THREAD, OR SOMETHING!

SO IT'S OFF TO GREECE FOR ME!



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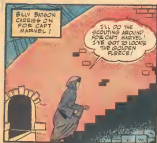


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ALL OUT GOLD! AND I HAVE THE GOLDEN FLEECE, WHICH I CAME FOR! COME ALONG, PIDD! I'LL MEET THE LOCAL POLICE!



GO AND ARREST THOSE CULTISTS, OFFICERS! WITHOUT THEIR GOLDEN DOG, THEIR CULT IS WEAKED UP! THE DOG IS ONLY AN OLD FLEA-BITTEN MUTT! YOU CAN KEEP HIM FOR A PET!

THANK YOU, CAPTAIN MARVEL OF AMERICA! YOU HAVE HELPED BREAK UP ONE OF OUR MOST VICIOUS CULTS!



AS FOR ME, BACK TO AMERICA, WITH THE GOLDEN FLEECE! WHO'S WANT A CHASE? IT LED ME ON!



WATER, BACK AT THE MOUTH OF DRIFTING ...

HERE'S YOUR STOLEN GOLDEN FLEECE, SIR!

"GOLDEN FLEECE" WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?



WHAT THEY STOLE FROM ME WAS MY GOLDEN FLEAS! NOT GOLDEN FLEECE! YOU BROUGHT BACK THE WRONG THING!

HOLY HOLY! IT WAS ALL A WILD GOOSE CHASE!



BUT WAIT! LOOK --- MY GOLDEN FLEAS! THEY ARE ON THE ROBE! YOU BROUGHT BACK MY GOLDEN FLEAS AFTER ALL!

WHEN! WHAT A RELIEF! I GOT IT NOW--THE DOG WORE THE GOLDEN FLEECE, AND THE FLEECE BURROWED INTO THE FLEECE! IT WAS ALL A MISUNDERSTANDING, BUT IT CAME OUT RIGHT IN THE END!



THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH SOME WORDS-- THEY SOUND TOO MUCH ALIKE! FOR A MOMENT CAPTAIN MARVEL THOUGHT HE HAD MADE THE WORLD'S BIGGEST MISTAKE! BUT ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL!



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EVER SINCE WE  
MOVED HERE YOU'VE  
BEEN MOOPING AROUND  
THE HOUSE, BETTY—  
WHY DON'T YOU  
PLAY OUTDOORS?

BUT, MOM, I  
DON'T KNOW  
ANYONE TO  
PLAY WITH  
IN THIS OLD  
TOWN!

HA—M? WELL,  
I MUST GET  
DOWN TO THE  
OFFICE, MY  
DEARS



ARE YOU GOING  
TO ASK THAT NEW  
GIRL TO YOUR BIRTH  
PARTY, MERILEE?

I'D LIKE TO,  
DADDY, BUT  
SHE DOESN'T  
HAVE A BIKE!

OH—OH?  
THAT GIVES  
ME AN IDEA!



I WISH  
WED NEVER  
MOVED HERE!

BETTY HAS BEEN  
INDOORS AGAIN ALL  
DAY, GEORGE—WHAT  
ARE WE GOING TO  
DO WITH HER?

I THINK WE  
GOT THE ANSWER  
DEAD—OH, BETTY,  
COME OUT IN THE  
YARD A MINUTE.



IT'S ALL YOURS,  
HONEY—HOW DO  
YOU LIKE IT?

OH DADDY, DADDY!  
A BIKE—A BIKE!  
WHEN? WHAT A  
BEAUTY!

LOOK!  
MERILEE,  
HE GAVE HER  
A STREAMLINED  
SCHWINN BIKE!



GEE! THANKS DADDY—  
BUT BET IT WON'T  
TAKE ME LONG TO  
LEARN TO RIDE  
THIS BIKE!

OH, WE'LL  
SHOW YOU!  
WOULDN'T WE,  
MERILEE?

YOU BET! IT'S  
EASY—AND I  
WISH YOU'D COME  
TO MY BIRTH  
PARTY SATURDAY!



LATER

I KNOW LOTS OF GIRLS NOW—GEE!  
AM GLAD WE MOVED HERE, BUT  
AM OLDER FOR MY  
SCHWINN BIKE!



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